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- Statehood – May 11, 1858 (32nd State)
- Capital – Saint Paul
- “Minnesota” is derived from the Dakota word “Minisota” meaning “sky-tinted waters”

Education

- Population with a High School Diploma – 91.8% (second highest in the nation) (2010)
- Population with Bachelor’s Degree – 31.8% (11th highest) (2010)
- Number of Public and Private Colleges and Universities – Nearly 200

Population

- Total State Population – 5.3 million (21st largest) (2011)
 - 73% Urban
 - 27% Rural
- Largest Cities:
 - Minneapolis
 - Saint Paul
 - Rochester
 - Duluth
 - Bloomington

Geography

- Land area – 225,182 square km (12th largest state)
- Minnesota is known as the “Land of 10,000 Lakes” and actually has 11,842



lakes covering 1.98 million hectares.

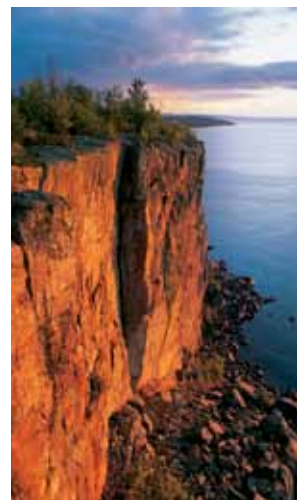
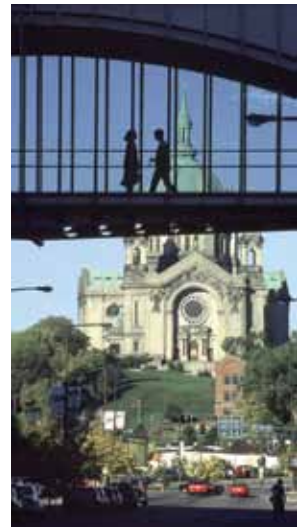
- The Mississippi River begins its journey in Minnesota, flowing south from the headwaters of Lake Itasca.
- Climate information –
January temperatures:
-6° to -17° Celsius (21° to 9° F);
July temperatures:
29° to 18° Celsius (84° to 64° F);
Annual snowfall in
Minneapolis-Saint Paul:
135 to 178 cm (53" to 70")

Economy

- GDP per capita – \$45,834 (2010, 13th highest)
- GDP Growth (nominal) – 4.5% (2009-2010, 13th highest)
- Per capita personal income – \$44,672 (2011, 14th highest)
- Median household income – \$55,063 (2009 - 2011 average, 14th highest)
- Size of workforce – 2,977,919 (2011)
- Labor force participation rate – 71.2% (2011, 3rd highest)

Business

- 19 Fortune 500 companies are headquartered in Minnesota (highest per capita) (2012)
- Ranked second most competitive workforce by the Beacon Hill Institute in 2011.



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Major Industries

- Medical Devices
- Biomedical Technology
- Renewable Energy
- Environmental Technologies
- Agribusiness
- Iron Mining
- Printing & Publishing
- Financial & Insurance Services

International Trade

- Total exports – \$31 billion (2011)
 - Manufactured goods – \$18.4 billion
 - Non-manufactured goods (including agriculture, forestry and mining) – \$1.9 billion
 - Services – \$10.9 billion
- Top export markets for goods (manufactured and non-manufactured) (2011)
 - Canada – \$5.9 billion (1st)
 - China – \$2.3 billion (2nd)
 - Japan – \$1.3 billion (3rd)
 - Mexico – \$1.2 billion (4th)
 - Germany – \$734 million (5th)



- Top exported products (2011)
 - Machinery (\$4.0 billion)
 - Optics, medical instruments (\$2.8 billion)
 - Electrical machinery (\$2.7 billion)
 - Vehicles (\$1.7 billion)
- Minnesota top exports to Japan (2011)
 - Optics, medical instruments – \$314 million
 - Cereals – \$244 million
 - Electrical machinery – \$138 million
- Countries with highest employment (related to foreign investment) in Minnesota (2009)
 - Canada – 18,000 employees
 - United Kingdom – 14,400 employees
 - Germany – 9,100 employees
 - TOTAL – 92,200 employees

Renewable Energy

- Minnesota was the first state to require 25% of electricity to be generated through renewable sources by 2025.
- The state is fifth in the U.S. in existing wind capacity, producing 2,733 Megawatts, enough to power about 740,000 homes (2011).
- Minnesota ranks fourth nationwide, with 4.3 billion liters (or 1.1 billion gallons) in ethanol production capacity (March 2012).

